

Self-Contained Classrooms Aid Education, Superintendent Says

Seventh and eighth graders get a better education in self-contained classrooms than they do in departmentalized junior high schools, Superintendent J. H. Hull told the Torrance Education Advisory Committee last Monday.

"The Torrance system of having seventh and eighth in the same classroom all day, except for shop and homemaking instruction, makes for a better educational program," he said. "Any teacher worth his salt individualizes instruction," Hull said. "Children grow mentally at different rates and can't be taught out of the same book. It is too easy for the teacher in the departmentalized classroom to fall back on the same book for everybody."

He pointed out that the self-contained classroom had been adopted here in 1948, after considerable study. The self-contained plan not only is more educationally sound, but cheaper to operate, he said, since junior high plants are as expensive as high schools.

Hull also urged T.E.A.C. members to leave church and other organizations a job to do. "The main job of the schools is to help parents make good citizens of their children," he said.

Winter Wonderland Theme at Harbor

"Walking in a Winter Wonderland" was the narrative theme for Christmas week at Harbor College and linked the musical selections of the holiday program presented by the college choir, under the direction of instructor, Kathryn H. Clauset.

Ann Foster was the narrator of the program, which included traditional and modern choral renditions, quartets, solos, and audience participation singing. The program concluded with holiday greetings to the student body from LAHC president Wendell C. Black.

Soloists were Virginia Whitcomb, Grace Hoxworth, Barney Spencer, Lena Coyle, Renee Courtois, Henry Williams, Alan Andres, Guy Hemmigan, Martin Hoxworth, Eric Kalland, and William Bradford. Ned Dennen was the principal accompanist. Other members of the college choir are Raul Acuna, Judy Bal-

com, Thomas Bettis, Jean Callaway, Jennie Cheatom, Margaret Da Virro, Sharon Higgs, Francine Hovde, Merril Lytton, Kathleen McNeice, Margaret-Anne Moore, Modesto Mota, Betty Nicely, Suzanne Sampsel, Sonja Savar, and Ardith Swenson.

The Harbor College choir program will be expanded next semester with two day classes being offered in addition to a Wednesday evening class. Mrs. Clauset will be the director of the three groups. She holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from UCLA, was a language officer with the navy during the war, and has done advanced study at USC and Los Angeles Conservatory of Music. She has had wide experience as music and literary critic, and as choir director for community groups in San Diego and L.A.

Nursery Slates Marionette Show

A puppet show by the Bob Baker Marionettes will be presented under sponsorship of the Coast Nursery School at the Parkway Elementary School, 220 Via Riviera, Torrance, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Bob Baker Marionettes have appeared on the Bozo Circus Show, the Dinah Shore program, the George Gobel Show, Panorama Pacific, Lux Video Theatre, Linkletter's Houseparty, Code 3, Hiram Holiday and the Tennessee Ernie and Larry Finley shows.

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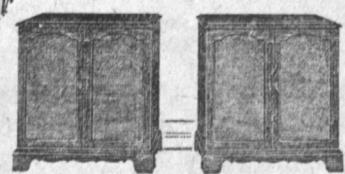
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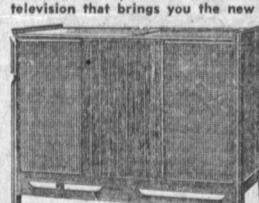


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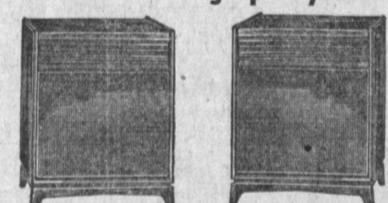


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